

## 2015–2016 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

The academic calendar is divided into fall and spring semesters of approximately 15 weeks each and summer sessions of varying length. The last week of the fall and spring semesters is set aside for final examinations. The academic calendar for the Washington College of Law (WCL) of American University varies from this general schedule, and its key dates are noted below in italics. For the full WCL academic calendar, please go to: [www.wcl.american.edu/registrar/](http://www.wcl.american.edu/registrar/).

The holidays and vacations observed by the university are noted below. Spring break is the week following the spring semester midterm. Classes continue until 10:40 p.m. the evening before a holiday or vacation period.

**Note:** The refund/withdrawal schedule applies to all courses with a standard schedule during a regular semester (fall/spring). Refunds/withdrawals for courses on nonstandard schedules (including MBA modules), as well as all summer session courses, are calculated proportionately, based on the percentage of the course completed. For more information, please go to: [www.american.edu/finance/studentaccounts/Refunds-for-Course-Drops-and-Withdrawals.cfm](http://www.american.edu/finance/studentaccounts/Refunds-for-Course-Drops-and-Withdrawals.cfm).

### FALL SEMESTER 2015

August 1	S	Payment due for fall 2015
August 22-30	S–Su	Welcome Week
<i>August 24</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>WCL: First day of classes</i>
August 28	F	Last day to register for fall without a late fee
August 31	M	Fall classes begin
		Late registration (with \$100 fee) begins
September 1	T	Undergraduate transfer spring 2016 semester admission application deadline for students living outside the U.S.
September 4	F	Late registration for fall ends
September 7	M	Labor Day; no classes, university offices closed
September 9	W	Mathematics Equivalency Examination
September 14	M	Last day to add a fall course, internship, Independent Reading or Research, or Community Service-Learning project
		Last day to drop a fall course for a 100% refund and without a "W" recorded
September 21	M	Last day to drop a fall course for a 50% refund
September 28	M	Last day to drop a fall course for a 25% refund (no refunds after this date)
		Early warning notices due in Registrar's Office
October 1	Th	Freshman spring 2016 semester admission application deadline
October 9	F	Fall Break; no classes, university offices open
October 16	F	Last day to drop a fall course or change a grade option (mid-term)
October 16–18	F-Su	All-American Weekend
October 24	S	Writing Proficiency Examination
October 26	M	Spring 2016 priority registration for graduate students begins. Payment due December 18, 2015
October 31	S	Last day to apply for fall graduation
November 1	Su	Undergraduate transfer spring 2016 semester admission application deadline for students living in the United States
November 5	Th	Spring 2016 priority registration for undergraduate students begins. Payment due December 18, 2015
November 6	F	Theses and dissertations due in deans' offices for fall degree candidates
November 15	Su	Early Decision I freshman fall 2016 semester admission and financial aid application deadline
November 24	T	Tuesday classes cancelled; Friday classes meet.
November 25–29	W–Su	Thanksgiving holiday; no classes; university offices closed Thursday and Friday
<i>December 3</i>	<i>Th</i>	<i>WCL: Last day of classes (includes make-ups for holidays)</i>
December 4	F	Fall classes end
		Theses and dissertations due in Registrar's Office for fall degree candidates
December 7–8	M–T	Fall final examinations
<i>December 8</i>	<i>T</i>	<i>WCL: Examinations begin</i>
December 9	W	Fall study day; no classes
December 10–12	Th–S	Fall final examinations
December 10–17	Th–Th	Fall final grades due
December 14	M	Fall final examinations (for Wednesday classes)
December 16	W	Fall Commencement Ceremony for August and December 2015 graduates (1:00 p.m.)
December 17	Th	Official Degree Award Date (date that appears on December 2015 diplomas; no event associated with this date)
December 18	F	Payment due for spring 2016 priority registration
<i>December 19</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>WCL: Examinations end</i>
<i>December 21</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>WCL: Official Degree Award Date (date that appears on December 2015 diplomas; no event associated with this date)</i>
December 24–	Th-Su	Winter break; university offices closed
January 3		

## SPRING SEMESTER 2016

January 7-10	Th-Su	Winter Welcome
January 8	F	Last day to register for spring 2016 without a late fee
January 11	M	Spring classes begin Late registration (with \$100 fee) begins <i>WCL: First day of classes</i>
January 15	F	Late registration for spring ends Regular Decision freshman fall 2016 semester admission application deadline Early Decision II freshman fall 2016 semester admission and financial aid application deadline Early Decision I candidate reply date
January 18	M	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; no classes, university offices closed
January 20	W	Mathematics Equivalency Examination
January 25	M	Last day to add a spring course, internship, Independent Reading or Research, or Community Service-Learning project Last day to drop a spring course for a 100% refund and without a "W" recorded
January 30	S	Writing Proficiency Examination
February 1	M	Last day to drop a spring course for a 50% refund Freshman fall 2016 semester financial aid application deadline
February 8	M	Last day to drop a spring course for a 25% refund (no refunds after this date)
February 15	M	Early warning notices due in Registrar's Office
March 1	T	Undergraduate transfer student admission and financial aid priority application deadline for fall 2016 semester Early Decision II candidate reply date
March 4	F	Last day to drop a spring class or change a grade option (mid-term)
March 6-13	Su-Su	Spring break; no classes, university offices open Monday through Friday
March 19	S	Writing Proficiency Examination
March 28	M	Fall 2016 priority registration for graduate students begins. Payment due August 1, 2016 Theses and dissertations due in deans' offices for spring degree candidates
March 30	W	Fall 2016 priority registration for undergraduate students begins. Payment is due August 1, 2016 Summer 2016 registration begins. Payment is due May 1, 2016
March 31	Th	Last day to apply for spring graduation
April 1	F	Summer admission application deadline for students living in the United States
April 25	M	<i>WCL: Last day of classes (includes make-ups for holidays)</i>
April 25	M	Spring classes end Theses and dissertations due in Registrar's Office for spring degree candidates
April 26	T	Spring study day; no classes
April 27-May 3	W-T	Spring final examinations
April 30-May 6	S-F	Spring final grades due
May 1	Su	Financial aid application deadline for fall 2016 continuing undergraduate students Undergraduate transfer fall 2016 semester admission application deadline for students living outside the United States Candidates' reply date for Regular Decision freshmen Payment due for summer sessions 2016
May 2	M	<i>WCL: Examinations begin</i>
May 6-8	F-Su	Commencement Weekend Activities
May 8	Su	Official Degree Award Date
May 14	S	<i>WCL: Examinations end</i>
May 22	Su	<i>WCL Spring Commencement Ceremony</i> <i>WCL: Official Degree Award Date</i>

## SUMMER SESSIONS 2016 (Dates subject to change)

For Summer 2016 Add/Drop, Withdrawal, and Refund dates, see [www.american.edu/summer/index.cfm](http://www.american.edu/summer/index.cfm).

May 9	M	7-week (A) and Online Learning I (E) sessions begin
May 16	M	First 6-week (B) and 3-week (C) sessions begin
May 20	F	Last day to add a summer internship, Independent Reading or Research, or Community Service-Learning project
May 30	M	Memorial Day; no classes, university offices closed
May 31	T	<i>WCL: First day of classes</i>
June 1	W	Last day to apply for summer graduation
June 2	Th	3-week (C) session ends
June 4	S	Writing Proficiency Examination
June 23	Th	7-week (A), first 6-week (B), and Online Learning I (E) sessions end
June 27	M	Second 6-week (D) and Online Learning II (F) session begin
July 1	F	Undergraduate transfer fall 2016 semester admission application deadline for students living in the United States
July 4	M	Independence Day; no classes, university offices closed
July 15	F	Theses and dissertations due in deans' offices for summer degree candidates
July 28	Th	<i>WCL: Last day of classes</i>
August 1	M	Payment due for fall 2016 priority registration <i>WCL: Examinations begin</i>
August 4	Th	Second 6-week (D) session ends Theses and dissertations due in Registrar's Office for summer degree candidates
August 5	F	<i>WCL: Examinations end</i>
August 11	Th	Online Learning II (F) session ends; end of summer sessions Official Degree Award Date (date that appears on August 2016 diplomas; no event associated with this date)
August 18	Th	<i>WCL: Official Degree Award Date (date that appears on August 2016 diplomas; no event associate with this date)</i>